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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The enclosed Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated January 20, 2004 for the above-identified patent application. This response is being submitted together with a request for continued examination (RCE) and a separate petition for a one-month extension of time.

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